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LACTIC ACID BACTERIUM

**LETTER RE PRIORITY**


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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby claims the priority of Japanese International Patent Application No.  
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